

# COUNTY OF PLACER FISH & GAME COMMISSION

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# PLACER COUNTY FISH & GAME COMMISSION Minutes

TIME/DATE: 7:00 P.M. WEDNESDAY, February 22, 2012

LOCATION: PLACER COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION HEARING ROOM

Community Development Resource Agency, DeWitt Center, Auburn 3091 County Center Drive (corner of Bell Road and Richardson Drive),

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- I. CALL TO ORDER Gary Flanagan, Chairman
- II. ROLL CALL Mark Fowler, Mickey Daniels, Gary Flanagan, Ron Salter, Robert Haswell

Not present Don Gould and Kari Freidig

III. APPROVAL OF Minutes for January 25, 2012 and Agenda for February 22, 2012

Commissioner Fowler motioned to accept the agenda.

Commissioner Haswell seconded the motion.

All commissioners voted to accept the agenda.

Commissioner Daniels motioned to accept the minutes from January 25, 2012 Commissioner Haswell seconded the motion

All voting commissioners voted to accept the minutes.

#### IV. PUBLIC COMMENT

Individuals may address the Commission on items under the jurisdiction of the Agricultural Commission not included on this agenda for no longer than five (5)

# minutes. No action can be taken on items addressed under Public Comment

None.

# V. FINANCIAL REPORT A. Budget Update – Ed King

Expenditures to date for FY 11/12 total \$7,301.64 including \$5,000 in grant awards, \$936.66 in commissioner's fees, \$500.00 in secretary fees and \$852.50 in mileage reimbursement. Budgeted expenditures for the remainder of the fiscal year total \$3068.36.

Revenues to date total \$327.62, including \$165.36 in fine monies and \$162.26 in interest. A total of \$1,200.00 was budgeted for the current fiscal year.

### B. Status on funding the Commission for Fiscal Year (2012-2013) - Ed King

The fiscal year 2012-13 budget was submitted to the Placer County CEO on February 7<sup>th</sup> requesting \$5400 is for commission operating costs. Overhead costs will not be charged to the Fish and Game fund in 2011-12. In 2012-13, the fund will be charged \$400 for overhead costs.

# VI. AGENCY REPORTS A. Commission Updates

Commissioner Fowler indicated that on March 5<sup>th</sup> there is a meeting on a statewide mercury control program. This was the first meeting for the last several months. The Sierra Club is holding a meeting in April to educate the public on mercury issues.

Commissioner Fowler met with Supervisor Weygandt who indicated that he is supportive of the commission and is willing to continuing funding operating expenses.

Commissioner Salter announced that the Central Sierra Association of Fish and Game Commissioners next meeting is March 29<sup>th</sup>. The meeting will be held in Grass Valley. There are 8 counties that are part of this group to discuss things in common.

Commissioner Flanagan attended the big game advisory committee. There are several interests involved: Deer, Elk, Big Horn Sheep, Boars, etc. Several groups are interested in watching that the Department of Fish and Game spend funds on

appropriate activities. They are concerned that some of the money was siphoned off for wild life enforcement.

Commissioner Haswell thanked Ed for getting the commission web page up and running.

Commissioner Flanagan reported about a meeting with fish and game meeting with Region 2 Captain, Brian Naslund. Ed King reported that John Lawson is the new Lieutenant for the Placer County area and that the Lincoln area warden position remains vacant. DFG is attempting to recruit a warden from within the agency to this position. If unable to do so, the position will be filled later in 2012 by a cadet graduating from the DFG warden academy.

### B. California Department of Fish & Game

None

### C. Nevada Irrigation District

Ed King reported that NID has good water storage, despite the dry winter to date.

#### **Action Items**

VII. California Department of Fish & Game's (Revised) Proposed Regulations for Suction Dredge Mining. Evaluate revised regulations and approve comments to be submitted to DFG reinforcing the Placer County BOS's May 2011 letter to DFG regarding suction dredge mining.

Commissioner Flanagan reported that the Department of Fish & Game sent out revised regulations. The comment period closes on March 5<sup>th</sup>. They were able to get it on tonight's agenda. They were not able to get it on the Board of Supervisor's next agenda.

Commissioner Haswell reported that Supervisor Montgomery sent a letter to Governor Brown requesting an extension of the comment period.

Commissioners discussed writing a letter that re-iterating the Placer County Board of Supervisor's previous position.

Commissioner Flanagan spoke to Mark Stouffer at Fish and Game. Mark indicated that the contract with the consulting agency is running out. This is one reason they are pushing this through quickly.

Bill Carnazzo spoke on behalf of the Foothills Anglers' Coalition. There are some positive to the new regulations. For example, there are screens to prevent the sucking up of frog eggs, insects and fish in the water. They addressed fuel

leakages by requiring a pan underneath to capture all of the fuel in the container. Address the creation of dams or other features that alter the stream flow by prohibiting the function unless a permit is obtained.

Most of the issues that were in the original regulations are not are not covered in the new version of the regulations. On March 7, they are planning to release the final EIR. The regulations are to be finalized on the March 5. Therefore, they do not have the information to understand why the regulations are the way they are. This would enable the public would be able to view both documents at the same time.

Bob Sutter - Private consulting forester

When compared to forestry, where stream crossings require permits.

Jim Ricker – North Fork of the American River Coalition.

He wanted to re-iterate the concerns that Bill Carnazzo pointed out. Encourage everyone to request the comment period be extended to reviews can be done.

Commissioner Flanagan indicates that this program is not self-sufficient in terms of funding.

Commissioner Haswell moved to have Commissioner Flanagan draft a letter to re-iteration that the Placer County Fish and Game Commission that the revised regulations did not addressed and ask for more time for the comment period.

Commissioner Daniels seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

#### Non-Action Items

#### VIII. Further Discussion of Creating a County Fish and Game Warden Position

Commissioner Flanagan indicates there is no rush on this issue.

Commissioner Fowler indicated that Supervisor Weygandt would more than likely not be able to find money to support the position.

Commissioner Haswell indicated that he spoke briefly with Supervisor Montgomery. Supervisor Montgomery indicated that there might be a county contract with wildlife specialist. Ed King indicated that the Wildlife Specialists are county employees working in the ag department. Commissioner Haswell thought it would be interesting to know the totals for 2011. Funding for these positions is partially offset by ag department pest management activities. They provide

advice and assistance to homeowners and provide creative ways to deal with problems.

Commissioner Flanagan indicated that the Sacramento Bee is investigating a report about county money used to fund a federal trapper. In Placer County, they deal with problem wildlife themselves.

Commissioners discussed how they feel the resources in Placer County are not getting the protection they deserve. They indicated this is not unique to Placer County. Commissioners were not aware of any other country that has their own warden.

Ed King discussed AB 1028 that passed last fall and went into effect at the first of the year. The law limits how a PERs contracting agency can rehire retired annuitants. There may be certain exemptions for safety related annuitants.

Marilyn Jaspers asked if there were any law enforcement agency pushing back. As far as fine sharing, if there any issues with fine sharing when additional agencies are involved.

Commissioner Flanagan indicated the way the money is distributed for fish and game violations specified in California law.

### IX. ADJOURNMENT at 8:10 pm

X. Next meeting will be Wednesday March 28, 2012